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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend this new application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the original specification with the Substitute Specification attached hereto. A marked-up version of the original specification identifying the amendments in the Substitute Specification is also attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-21 in this new application and add the following new claims 22-48 as follows:

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22. A system comprising a desktop stand and a mobile phone, the desktop stand comprising a loudspeaker and a connection connecting the loudspeaker to an audio signal from the mobile phone, the mobile phone comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing the audio signal, the mobile phone further comprising a connection for routing the audio signal to the loudspeaker and a timer or clock to activate the radio receiver and/or audio signal player.
23. A system according to claim 22, wherein the desktop stand is provided with a button which activates interruption of the audio signal and/or a button for ending the audio signal.
24. A system according to claim 22, in which the audio signal is interrupted for only a predetermined time.
25. A system according to claim 22, in which the amplitude of the audio signal is after activation, gradually increased until a predetermined level.
26. A system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand comprises a connector for conducting DC current to corresponding counterparts on the mobile phone.

27. A system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand includes a DC power source.
28. A system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand comprises an amplifier which amplifies the audio signal before routing to the loudspeaker.
29. A system according to claim 22, in which a full screen size of a display on the mobile phone is used to display an actual time when the mobile phone is placed on the desktop stand.
30. A system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand further comprises a microphone and a connection for routing a signal from the microphone to the mobile phone, so that the system may be used as a speakerphone.
31. A system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand comprises a connector and the mobile phone has a counterpart connection for transmitting the audio signal from the mobile phone to the desktop stand.
32. A system according to claim 22, in which the mobile phone comprises a menu controlled programmable alarm clock allowing selection of the desired audio signal source.

33. A use of a mobile phone having a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing an audio signal and having a programmable alarm clock for activating the radio receiver or audio signal player together with a desktop stand having a loudspeaker as a clock radio.
34. A mobile phone comprising a radio receiver and/or digital player for producing an audio signal, the mobile phone further comprising charging contacts arranged on an outer surface of the mobile phone which allow contact with counterparts of a desktop stand, the mobile phone further comprising contacts on an external surface of the mobile phone which allow contact with counterparts arranged on the desktop stand for routing the audio signal to the desktop stand.
35. A mobile phone according to claim 34, wherein the mobile phone further comprises a timer or clock to activate the radio receiver and/or audio signal player.
36. A mobile phone according to claim 34, in which a major part of a display on the mobile phone is used to display a current time when the charging contacts and the contacts for routing the audio signal to the desktop stand are in contact with counterparts thereof of the desktop stand.

37. A mobile phone according to claim 34, in which the mobile phone comprises a menu controlled programmable alarm clock allowing selection of the desired audio signal source.
38. A desktop stand comprising a loudspeaker and a cradle for receiving a mobile phone, the cradle being provided with charging contacts which allow contact with counterparts of the mobile phone and the cradle including contacts which allow contact with counterparts of the mobile phone receiving an audio signal from the mobile phone and routing the audio signal to the loudspeaker.
39. A desktop stand according to claim 38, wherein the desktop stand is provided with a button which activates interruption of the audio signal and/or a button which activates ending the audio signal.
40. A desktop stand according to claim 38, further comprising a DC power source.
41. A desktop stand according to claim 38, in which the audio signal is interrupted for only a predetermined time.
42. A desktop stand according to claim 38, further comprising an amplifier, which amplifies the audio signal before routing to the loudspeaker.

43. A system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand comprises an amplifier associated with a volume button on the desktop stand which amplifies the audio signal before routing to the loudspeaker.
44. A system according to claim 22, in which a full screen size of a display on the mobile phone is used to display an actual time when the mobile phone is placed on the desktop stand when screen back lights are activated.
45. A mobile phone according to claim 34, in which a major part of a display on the mobile phone is used to display a current time when the charging contacts and the contacts for routing the audio signals to the desktop stand are in contact with counterparts thereof the desktop stand when screen back lights are activated.
46. A desktop stand according to claim 38, further comprising a DC power source connected to an external detachable DC power source.
47. A desktop stand according to claim 38, further comprising an amplifier associated with a volume button on the desktop stand which amplifies the audio signal before routing to the loudspeaker.
48. A system according to claim 22, in which the desktop stand includes a connection to be connected to an external DC power source.

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 have been cancelled and new claims 22-48 have been added to remove the multiple dependent claims before filing fee calculation and to improve the form of the claims for examination. No new matter has been added to this new application.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 1149.40992X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Entry of the amendment is respectfully solicited.

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DESKTOP STAND AND MOBILE PHONE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field Of The Invention

The present invention relates to the field of mobile phones and mobile phone accessories such as desktop stands. In particular is relates to mobile phones having FM radio and/or music player functionality.

Description of the Prior Art

Desktop chargers such as the Nokia® DCH-9 desktop stand serve conventionally two functions, namely, as a desktop stand and as a charger. The Nokia® DCH-9 desktop stand has further additional features for charging a spare battery. A Nokia® ACP-7 charger comprising an AC/DC transformer is connected to the Nokia® DCH-9 desktop stand and supplies the required DC current via a cable to the desktop stand. The Nokia® EDC-20 Desktop Charger/Speakerphone (US-D-367651) is a desktop stand for a mobile phone having charging capacity and in build speakerphone. The Nokia® 8310 and 6510, are advanced mobile phones which have an in-built FM radio. The Nokia® 5510 mobile phone comprises an FM stereo radio and a digital music player and recorder. From US-D-366,873 and US-D-380,753 there are known bases for cordless phones with a clock radio integrated in the base. As a general trend in the mobile phone industry an integration of a variety of functions is considered desirable. In most cases, the integration of additional functionality requires though extensive modifications to the existing hardware.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

On this background, the present invention provides a system comprising a desktop stand and a mobile phone of the kind referred to initially, with additional integrated functionality. The invention provides a system comprising a desktop stand and a mobile phone, the desktop stand comprising a loudspeaker and a connection which connects the loudspeaker to an audio signal from the mobile phone, the mobile phone comprising a radio receiver

and/or audio signal player for producing the audio signal, the mobile phone further comprising a connection for routing the audio signal to the loudspeaker and a timer or clock to activate the radio receiver and/or audio signal player. This system allows the mobile phone together with the desktop stand/charger to be used as a clock radio.

Advantageously, the desktop stand is provided with a button for activating interruption or ending the audio signal, and preferably the audio signal is interrupted for only a predetermined time, thus giving the system a so-called "snooze" functionality. Preferably, the amplitude of the audio signal is after activation gradually increased until a predetermined level, to avoid a brisk start of the audio signal.

The desktop stand may comprise a connector for conducting DC current to corresponding counterparts on the mobile phone for charging the battery of the mobile phone whilst it is placed on the desktop stand. Hereto, the desktop stand preferably may include a DC power source, in the form of an AC/DC converter and charging circuitry or has a connection to an external, preferably detachable, DC power source.

The desktop stand may comprise an amplifier, preferably associated with a volume button on the desktop stand, for amplifying the audio signal before routing it to the loudspeaker. In a preferred embodiment, the availability of a DC charging current allows the full screen size of a display on the mobile phone to be used to display the actual time when the mobile phone is placed on the desktop stand, with the screen back lights activated. The desktop stand may further comprise a microphone and a connection for routing a signal from the microphone to the mobile phone, so that the system may be used as a speakerphone. The desktop stand may further comprise a connector and the mobile phone a counterpart for transmitting the audio signal from the mobile phone to the desktop stand, or alternatively, the transmission of the audio signal could be by radio or infrared signal. The mobile phone may comprise a menu controlled programmable alarm clock, allowing selection of the desired audio signal source.

The present invention further provides a use of a mobile phone having a radio receiver and/or audio signal player for producing an audio signal and having a programmable alarm clock for activating the radio receiver and/or audio signal player together with a desktop stand having a loudspeaker as a clock radio.

The present invention also provides a mobile phone of the kind referred to initially, with additional integrated functionality. A mobile phone is provided comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing an audio signal, the mobile phone further comprising charging contacts arranged on an outer surface of the mobile phone for allowing contact with counterparts of a desktop stand or the like, the mobile phone further comprising contacts on the external surface of the mobile phone for allowing contact with counterparts arranged on the desktop stand or the like for routing the audio signal to the a desktop stand or the like.

The invention also provides a desktop stand of the kind referred to initially, with an additional integrated functionality. A desktop stand is provided comprising a loudspeaker and a cradle for receiving a mobile phone, the cradle being provided with charging contacts for allowing contact with counterparts of the mobile phone and the cradle being provided with contacts for allowing contact with counterparts of the mobile phone receiving an audio signal from the mobile phone and routing the signal to said loudspeaker.

Further objects, features, advantages and properties of the system and use according to the invention will become apparent from the detailed description.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the following detailed portion of the present description, the invention will be explained in more detail with reference to the exemplary embodiments shown in the drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a diagrammatic view of a desktop stand with a mobile phone placed on it,

Fig. 2a is a diagrammatic view from above of the desktop stand,

Fig. 2b is a diagrammatic detailed view from below on the desktop stand,
Fig. 3a is a diagrammatic frontal view on the mobile phone,
Fig. 3b is a diagrammatic view from below on the mobile phone, and
Fig. 4 is a diagrammatic view of a charger.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In the following detailed description, the invention will be described by the
preferred embodiments. With reference to the figures, the desktop stand I
comprises a housing 1, having a flat base surface and four feet 5 for resting
on a desktop surface (not shown) such as a writing desk or a night table. The
desktop stand I has a connector recess 23 for charging a mobile phone 50,
and respectively, a connector recess 24 for charging a spare battery (not
shown) of the mobile phone 50. The combination of the desktop stand I and
the mobile phone 50 will be referred to hereafter as "the system". The
connector recess 23, which is meant for the mobile phone 50, has a charging
current connector 25,25' for feeding electric power and a connector 26,26' for
an audio signal transfer between the mobile phone 50 and the desktop stand
1. The mobile phone 50 has a counterpart 56,56' for receiving charging
current and connectors 57,57' for transferring the audio signal. Thus, when the
mobile phone 50 is connected to the desktop stand 1, both audio signals and
electric power can be transferred between them. The desktop stand is at its
bottom surface provided with a loudspeaker 40. The loudspeaker 40 may be
arranged in any other surface of the desktop stand to suit design and acoustic
requirements as they may be.

The desktop stand comprises in a preferred embodiment an amplifier (not
shown), for amplifying the audio signal from the mobile phone before routing it
to the loudspeaker 40. A volume up/down button 32 associated with the
amplifier is also provided on the desktop stand 1.

The desktop stand I is further provided with a slumber button 31 that activates
a circuit located either in the desktop stand I or in the mobile phone 50 that
interrupts the audio signal for only a predetermined time, thus giving the

system a so-called "snooze" functionality. Further, a button 38 for terminating the audio signal is also provided on said desktop stand 1.

The desktop stand I is connected to an external charger 60, which converts
5 AC power to DC power (for example, 6.5 V and 2A) and supplies a charging voltage to the connector 25,25' of the desktop stand 1. The charger 50, such as a Nokia® ACP7 charger, is fully conventional, easily disconnectable from the desktop stand I through a connector on the charger cable (not shown) and a counterpart (not shown) on the desktop stand 1. The charger 60 can also be
10 used to charge the mobile phone 50 in the absence of the desktop stand I by plugging the connector on the charger cable in the connector 55 of the mobile phone 50.

The desktop stand I comprises a connector 25,25' for conducting the DC current to corresponding counterparts 56,56' on the mobile phone 50 for charging the battery of the mobile phone 50 whilst it is placed on the desktop stand 1. A second charging connector 37,37' is provided on the connector recess 24 and is supplied with DC current from the same source for charging a spare battery (not shown).

According to another embodiment (not shown) the desktop stand I includes a DC power source, in the form of an AC/DC converter and a connection for connection to the mains.

25 The desktop stand 1 is provided with microphone 12. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the microphone and an amplifier (not shown) may furnish audio signals to the mobile phone 50 during speakerphone operations through connectors 33,33' on the mobile phone 50 and connectors 77,77' in the cradle 24. However, the microphone 54 of the mobile phone 50 may be used instead if acoustic
30 conditions so require. Gain may be added to the transmission path to facilitate the use of either microphone 12,54. Audio signals during speakerphone operation from the mobile phone 50 may be furnished to the speaker amplifier in the desktop stand 1 and loudspeaker 40 in a similar manner. Speaker volume may be controlled from the desktop stand by adjusting the volume
35 up/down button 32. In response, gain or loss will be added to the receive path.

The loudspeaker 54 of the mobile phone 50 is not active during speakerphone operation.

The mobile phone 50, as shown in more detail in Fig. 3, is provided at its front with an LCD display 52 and a keypad 51. Both the keypad 64 and the LCD display 52 are provided with a backlight to facilitate the use of the mobile phone 50 in low light conditions. The backlight switches off automatically shortly after the last use of the keypad 54 to reduce energy consumption, unless the mobile phone 50 is placed on the desktop stand 1 and receives DC power from a charger. Further, when the mobile phone 50 recognizes that it is placed on the desktop stand 1 and receives charging current, it will display the current time on the full screen size of the LCD display 52, with the screen back lights activated, so that it will serve as the equivalent to the digit-readings of a conventional clock radio.

The mobile phone 50, such as a GSM or 3G phones, is provided with an FM radio in the form of a tuner or a receiver. Alternatively, a radio tuner/receiver for a different radio frequency band such as AM may be used. In a preferred embodiment, the mobile phone 50 is provided with a digital music player, such as an MP3 or an AAC digital music player. Alternatively other types of music player may be used such as tape players or disc players etc. In another preferred embodiment, the mobile phone 50 is provided with both a FM radio receiver and a digital music player. The audio signal from any of the mentioned sources is routed to connector 57,57'. The mobile phone 50 is menu controlled through the keys on the keypad 51. The menu allows selection from a number of stored FM radio frequencies. The menu comprises a programmable alarm clock menu that allows selection of the desired alarm time, and selection of the desired source for the audio signal, e.g. the FM radio, the digital music player or one of a plurality of stored alarm signals. When the preset alarm time is reached, the mobile phone 50 activates the selected source for the audio signal.

Either the desktop stand 1 or the mobile phone 50 is provided with a circuit for gradually increasing the amplitude of the signal fed to the loudspeaker 40 after activation by the programmable alarm clock in the mobile phone 50, until a

predetermined level is reached to avoid a brisk start of the audio signal when e.g. waking up a sleeping person.

According to a preferred embodiment, the desktop stand 1 comprises

- 5 connectors 26,26',33,33' and the mobile phone a counterparts 57,57',77,77' for transmitting audio signals from the mobile phone 50 to the desktop stand 1 and vice versa. Alternatively, the transmission of the audio signals could be by radio signals such as in Blue Tooth Technology with the mobile phone 50 equipped with a short range radio transmitter and the desktop stand equipped
- 10 with a radio receiver, or by infrared signals, with the mobile phone 50 equipped with an infrared transmitter and the desktop stand equipped with an infrared receiver.

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Figure 1 consists of 12 sub-graphs labeled (a) through (l). Each graph plots a different physiological parameter against time (0 to 10 minutes). The y-axis for all graphs ranges from 0 to 100. The x-axis for all graphs ranges from 0 to 10 minutes. The parameters are: (a) HR (b/min), (b) SV (ml), (c) CO (l/min), (d) MAP (mmHg), (e) PVR (mmHg), (f) SVR (mmHg), (g) PPA (mmHg), (h) PVP (mmHg), (i) PVP/PPA, (j) PVP/PPA, (k) PVP/PPA, and (l) PVP/PPA. Each graph shows a baseline period followed by a 10-minute intervention period. The graphs show that HR, SV, CO, MAP, PVR, SVR, PPA, PVP, PVP/PPA, and PVP/PPA all increase during the intervention period, while PVP/PPA remains relatively stable.

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DESKTOP STAND AND MOBILE PHONEBACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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10 two functions, namely, as a desktop stand and as a charger. The Nokia® DCH-9 desktop stand has further additional features for charging a spare battery. A Nokia® ACP-7 charger comprising an AC/DC transformer is connected to the Nokia® DCH-9 desktop stand and supplies the required DC current via a cable to the desktop stand.

The Nokia® EDC-20 Desktop Charger/Speakerphone (US-D-367651) is a desktop

15 stand for a mobile phone having charging capacity and in build speakerphone. The Nokia® 8310 and 6510, are advanced mobile phones which have an in-built FM radio. The Nokia® 5510 mobile phone comprises an FM stereo radio and a digital music player and recorder. From US-D-366,873 and US-D-380,753 there are known bases for cordless phones with a clock radio integrated in the base. As a general

20 trend in the mobile phone industry an integration of a variety of functions is considered desirable. In most cases, the integration of additional functionality requires though extensive modifications to the existing hardware.

SUMMARYDISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

25 On this background, ~~it is an object~~^S of the present invention to provide a system comprising a desktop stand and a mobile phone of the kind referred to initially, with additional integrated functionality. This object is achieved in accordance with claim 1 by providing a system comprising a desktop stand and a mobile phone, ^{the invention} said desktop

30 stand comprising a loudspeaker and ^{a connection} means to connect ^{the} said loudspeaker to an audio signal from ^{the} said mobile phone, ^{the} said mobile phone comprises a radio receiver and/or audio signal player for producing ^{the} said audio signal, ^{the} said mobile phone further comprising ^{the} means for routing ^{the} said audio signal to ^{the} said loudspeaker and a timer or clock to activate ^{the} said radio receiver and/or audio signal player. This system allows

35 the mobile phone together with the desktop stand/charger to be used as a clock radio.

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Advantageously, th said desktop stand is provided with a button for activating th means for interrupting or ending th said audio signal, and preferably th said audio signal is interrupted for only a predetermined time, thus giving the system a so-called

5 "snooze" functionality. Preferably, the amplitude of th said audio signal is after activation gradually increased until a predetermined level, to avoid a brisk start of the audio signal.

The desktop stand may comprise a connector for conducting DC current to

10 corresponding counterparts on th said mobile phone for charging the battery of th said mobile phone whilst it is placed on th said desktop stand. Hereto, the desktop stand preferably may include a DC power source, in the form of an AC/DC converter and charging circuitry or has ^{a connection} means to be connected to an external, preferably detachable, DC power source.

15 The desktop stand may comprise an amplifier, preferably associated with a volume button on th said desktop stand, for amplifying th said audio signal before routing it to th said loudspeaker. In a preferred embodiment, the availability of a DC charging current allows the full screen size of a display on th said mobile phone to be used to display the

20 actual time when the mobile phone is placed on th said desktop stand, with the screen back lights activated. ^{The} ~~Said~~ desktop stand may further comprise a microphone and ^{a connection} means for routing a signal from th said microphone to th said mobile phone, so that th said system may be used as a speakerphone. ^{The} ~~Said~~ desktop stand may further comprise a connector and th said mobile phone a counterpart for transmitting th said audio signal

25 from th said mobile phone to th said desktop stand, or alternatively, the transmission of th said audio signal could be by radio or infrared signal. ^{The} ~~Said~~ mobile phone may comprise a menu controlled programmable alarm clock, allowing selection of the desired audio signal source.

30 ~~It is another object of the present invention~~ ^{further} ~~to provide~~ ^s a use of a mobile phone having a radio receiver and/or audio signal player for producing an audio signal and having a programmable alarm clock for activating th said radio receiver and/or audio signal player together with a desktop stand having a loudspeaker as a clock radio.

35 ~~It is another object of the present invention~~ ^{also} ~~to provide~~ ^s a mobile phone of the kind referred to initially, with additional integrated functionality. ~~This object is achieved in~~

accordance with claim 13 by providing ^{is provided} A mobile phone th comprising a radio receiver and/or digital audio player for producing an audio signal, th said mobile phone further comprising charging contacts arranged on an outer surface of th said mobile phone for allowing contact with counterparts of a desktop stand or the like, th said mobile phone further comprising contacts on th said external surface of th said mobile phone for allowing contact with counterparts arranged on th said desktop stand or the like for routing th said audio signal to th said a desktop stand or the like.

^{also} A further object of the invention ^s is to provide a desktop stand of the kind referred to initially, with an additional integrated functionality. This object is achieved in accordance with claim 17 by providing ^{is provided} A desktop stand comprising a loudspeaker and a cradle for receiving a mobile phone, th said cradle being provided with charging contacts for allowing contact with counterparts of th said mobile phone and th said cradle being provided with contacts for allowing contact with counterparts of th said mobile phone receiving an audio signal from th said mobile phone and routing th said signal to th said loudspeaker.

Further objects, features, advantages and properties of the system and use according to the invention will become apparent from the detailed description.

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 Fig. 3a is a diagrammatic frontal view on the mobile phone,
 Fig. 3b is a diagrammatic view from below on the mobile phone, and
 Fig. 4 is a diagrammatic view of a charger.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In the following detailed description, the invention will be described by the preferred embodiments. With reference to the figures, the desktop stand 1 comprises a housing 1', having a flat base surface and four feet 5 for resting on a desktop surface (not shown) such as a writing desk or a night table. The desktop stand 1 has a connector recess 23 for charging a mobile phone 50, and respectively, a connector recess 24 for charging a spare battery (not shown) of the mobile phone 50. The combination of the desktop stand 1 and the mobile phone 50 will be referred to hereafter as "the system". The connector recess 23, which is meant for the mobile phone 50, has a charging current connector 25, 25' for feeding electric power and a connector 26, 26' for an audio signal transfer between the mobile phone 50 and the desktop stand 1. The mobile phone 50 has a counterpart 56, 56' for receiving charging current and connectors 57, 57' for transferring the audio signal. Thus, when the mobile phone 50 is connected to the desktop stand 1, both audio signals and electric power can be transferred between them. The desktop stand is at its bottom surface provided with a loudspeaker 40. The loudspeaker 40 may be arranged in any other surface of the desktop stand to suit design and acoustic requirements as they may be.

The desktop stand comprises in a preferred embodiment an amplifier (not shown), for amplifying the audio signal from the mobile phone before routing it to the loudspeaker 40. A volume up/down button 32 associated with the amplifier is also provided on the desktop stand 1.

The desktop stand 1 is further provided with a slumber button 31 that activates a circuit located either in the desktop stand 1 or in the mobile phone 50 that interrupts the audio signal for only a predetermined time, thus giving the system a so-called "snooze" functionality. Further, a button 38 for terminating the audio signal is also provided on said desktop stand 1.

The desktop stand 1 is connected to an external charger 60, which converts AC power to DC power (for example, 6.5 V and 2A) and supplies a charging voltage to the connector 25, 25' of the desktop stand 1. The charger 60, such as a Nokia® ACP-7 charger, is fully conventional, easily disconnectable from the desktop stand 1 through a connector on the charger cable (not shown) and a counterpart (not shown)

on the desktop stand 1. The charger 60 can also be used to charge the mobile phone 50 in the absence of the desktop stand 1 by plugging the connector on the charger cable in the connector 55 of the mobile phone 50.

- 5 The desktop stand 1 comprises a connector 25,25' for conducting the DC current to corresponding counterparts 56,56' on the mobile phone 50 for charging the battery of the mobile phone 50 whilst it is placed on the desktop stand 1. A second charging connector 37,37' is provided on the connector recess 24 and is supplied with DC current from the same source for charging a spare battery (not shown).

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According to another embodiment (not shown) the desktop stand 1 includes a DC power source, in the form of an AC/DC converter and ^{a connection for} ~~means to be connected~~ to the mains.

- 15 The desktop stand 1 is provided with microphone 12. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the microphone and an amplifier (not shown) may furnish audio signals to the mobile phone 50 during speakerphone operations through connectors 33,33' on the mobile phone 50 and connectors 77,77' in the cradle 24. However, the microphone 54 of the mobile phone 50 may be used instead if acoustic conditions so require. Gain may be added to the ^{transmission} ~~transmit~~ path to facilitate the use of either microphone 12,54. Audio signals during speakerphone operation from the mobile phone 50 may be furnished to the speaker amplifier in the desktop stand 1 and loudspeaker 40 in a similar manner. Speaker volume may be controlled from the desktop stand by adjusting the volume up/down button 32. In response, gain or loss will be added to the receive
- 20 path. The loudspeaker 54 of the mobile phone 50 is not active during speakerphone operation.
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- The mobile phone 50, as shown in more detail in Fig. 3, is provided at its front with an LCD display 52 and a keypad 51. Both the keypad 64 and the LCD display 52 are
- 30 provided with a backlight to facilitate the use of the mobile phone 50 in low light conditions. The backlight switches off automatically shortly after the last use of the keypad 54 to reduce energy consumption, unless the mobile phone 50 is placed on the desktop stand 1 and receives DC power from a charger. Further, when the mobile phone 50 recognizes that it is placed on the desktop stand 1 and receives
- 35 charging current, it will display the current time on the full screen size of the LCD

display 52, with the screen back lights activated, so that it will serve as the equivalent to the digit-readings of a conventional clock radio.

The mobile phone 50, such as a GSM or 3G phones, is provided with an FM radio in the form of a tuner or a receiver. Alternatively, a radio tuner/receiver for a different radio frequency band such as AM may be used. In a preferred embodiment, the mobile phone 50 is provided with a digital music player, such as an MP3 or an AAC digital music player. Alternatively other types of music player may be used such as tape players or disc players etc. In another preferred embodiment, the mobile phone 50 is provided with both a FM radio receiver and a digital music player. The audio signal from any of the mentioned sources is routed to connector 57,57'. The mobile phone 50 is menu controlled through the keys on the keypad 51. The menu allows selection from a number of stored FM radio frequencies. The menu comprises a programmable alarm clock menu that allows selection of the desired alarm time, and selection of the desired source for the audio signal, e.g. the FM radio, the digital music player or one of a plurality of stored alarm signals. When the preset alarm time is reached, the mobile phone 50 activates the selected source for the audio signal.

Either the desktop stand 1 or the mobile phone 50 is provided with a circuit for gradually increasing the amplitude of the signal fed to the loudspeaker 40 after activation by the programmable alarm clock in the mobile phone 50, until a predetermined level is reached to avoid a brisk start of the audio signal when e.g. waking up a sleeping person.

According to a preferred embodiment, ^h said desktop stand 1 comprises connectors 26,26',33,33' and ^A said mobile phone a counterparts 57,57',77,77' for transmitting audio signals from the mobile phone 50 to the desktop stand 1 and vice versa. Alternatively, the transmission of ^h said audio signals could be by radio signals such as in Blue Tooth Technology with the mobile phone 50 equipped with a short range radio transmitter and the desktop stand equipped with a radio receiver, or by infrared signals, with the mobile phone 50 equipped with an infrared transmitter and the desktop stand equipped with an infrared receiver.

DESKTOP STAND AND MOBILE PHONE

- 5 The present invention relates to a desktop stand having a loudspeaker, a mobile phone with a build in radio tuner and/or music player and a system comprising both a mobile phone and a desktop stand. The system allows the use of the mobile phone together with the desktop stand as a clock radio.
- 10 ~~It is suggested that Fig. 1 is published with the abstract.~~